



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Special Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 8

Hearing Date: October 30, 2001

Committee's On: Health and Human Services & Appropriations

Introducer(s): (Wickersham)

Title: Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

16	Yes	Senator Jensen, Wehrbein, Byars, Pederson, Beutler, Cudaback, Engel, Hilgert, Suttle, Thompson, Price, Kruse, Foley, Cunningham, Maxwell and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Bob Wickersham

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Harold Mauer
Roy Wilson
Harvey Perlman
John Arch
Chris Peterson
Roger Keetle

Representing:

University of Nebraska Medical Center
Creighton
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Boystown National Research Hospital
Health and Human Services System
Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill changes provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act and appropriations from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. The bill provides intent to increase appropriations from the fund for behavioral health services, developmental disability services, and respite care services, and provides corresponding reductions in General

Fund appropriations for such services. The bill reduces and eliminates appropriations from the fund for biomedical research. The bill also contains an emergency clause.

Changes made by LB 8 are summarized below.

<u>Use</u>	<u>FY 01-02 increase[decrease]</u>	<u>FY 02-03 increase[decrease]</u>
Behavioral health	\$1,523,703 (rate increases) \$ 487,585 (rate increases) \$1,320,542 (comm services) \$ 304,740 (EPC) <u>\$ 203,160</u> (juvenile justice) \$3,839,730 (Total)	\$3,080,082 (rate increases) \$1,067,762 (rate increases) \$2,669,405 (comm services) \$ 616,016 (EPC) <u>\$ 410,678</u> (juvenile justice) \$7,843,943 (Total)
DD Services	\$ 609,480	\$2,053,387
Respite Services	\$ 50,790	\$ 102,670
Research	[\$4,500,000]	[\$10,000,000]

Total increased appropriations from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, with offsetting reductions in General Fund appropriations for those purposes:

<u>FY 01-02</u>	<u>FY 02-03</u>
\$3,839,730 (behavioral health)	\$ 7,843,943 (behavioral health)
\$ 609,480 (DD services)	\$ 2,053,387 (DD services)
<u>\$ 50,790</u> (respite services)	<u>\$ 102,670</u> (respite services)
\$4,500,000 TOTAL	\$10,000,000 TOTAL

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Roger Wehrbein

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson